THIS IS MY STORY

ACTS 2:2-16

| Introduction: | | |
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| 1. Tell it in | | |
| • My life | Christ | |
| • My | to Christ | |
| • My life | | _ Christ |
| 2. Tell it after | | |
| 3. Tell it with | · | |
| 4. Tell it with | | |

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY, FRIENDS & GROUPS

Icebreaker: Jesus was a master storyteller. Why do you think he used stories to communicate spiritual truths? What are the advantages of introducing God into a conversation with neighbors by telling your personal faith-in-Christ story?

- 1. Read Acts 22: 2-16. How is your faith-in-Christ story similar to Paul's? In what ways is your story different?
- 2. Briefly describe: your life before Christ; your surrender to Christ; your life since following Christ. (If you're still exploring a relationship with Christ, describe where you are on your spiritual journey.)
- 3. Why would it be helpful to practice your faith-in-Christ story before telling it to others? (Think of as many benefits as possible.) What might be some liabilities of practicing your story?
- 4. Read Ephesians 6:19, 20. Are you surprised that Paul asked for prayer so he wouldn't be afraid when talking to others about Jesus? Why or why not? What causes you to fear sharing your faith-in-Christ story with neighbors?
- 5. Paul's solution to fear when witnessing was prayer. What sorts of things might you pray for in preparation for talking to others about Christ? Take a few minutes to pray for yourself (and others in your group) along these lines.
- 6. Imagine you are hanging out with neighbors. What are some ways that you could gain permission to bring Christ into the conversation? Come up with as many opening lines as possible to introduce your faith-in-Christ story.